CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

Notice, dated 7th January 1897.

It is hereby notified that the exclusive privilege of collecting Taugadi (*cassia auriculata*) bark in portions of the undermentioned taluks of this district during four months commencing from 1st March 1897 will be sold by public auction by the Deputy Commissioner or other officer deputed by him on the dates and at places specified below :—

Name of taluk.	Localities.	Date of sale.	Place of sale.	Period for which the privilege is sold.	Remarks.
Challakere.	All Amrut Mahal kavals, jungles and unoccupied lands in their villages lying to the right of the Vedavati River comprising the portions of the hoblis of Tallak and Parasurampur.	15th February 1897.	Challakere.	From 1st March 1897 to the end of June 1897.	The sales will be conducted firkawar, kavalwar or talukwar at the discretion of the officer conducting the sales.
Hiriyur ...	All Amrut Mahal kavals, jungles and unoccupied lands in their villages to the right of the Vedavati River comprising portions of the hoblis of Dharampur, Javanagondanahalli, Kasaba Hiriyur and Neralkere.	18th February 1897.	Hiriyur.		

2. The auction will commence at noon on the above days.

3. The exclusive privilege above described will be disposed of to the highest bidder. The officer conducting the sale shall be at liberty to accept or reject the bid at his discretion. The accepted bid will represent the amount which is to be paid for the whole period of eight months for the abovesaid exclusive privilege of collecting and carting the barks in the locality bid by him.

4. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents, and no person will be permitted to bid either on his own behalf or on account of any one else, until he has deposited a sum of rupees fifty. The deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them at the close of the sale. The successful bidders must, on the results of each taluk being declared, deposit in cash or Government promissory notes, endorsed to the Deputy Commissioner, a sum equal to one-fourth of the total rental including the deposit already made. Should he fail to do so, the deposit already made will be forfeited and the exclusive privilege will be re-sold by the District Forest Officer.

5. Re-sales effected under the above para will be at the risk of the defaulting bidder who will forfeit all gain, and in the event of a loss by the re-sale, the deficiency between the total amount payable by him for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total amount payable by the successful bidder at the re-sale will be recovered from the defaulter as a revenue demand.

6. The balance of the amount of the lease shall be paid in full before the end of October 1896, failing which the accepted bidder will forfeit the one-fourth sum already credited and the exclusive privilege to collect the bark will be liable to be re-sold at his risk.

7. The purchaser of the exclusive privilege shall sign an agreement binding himself to observe the conditions published in para 8 and the agreement should be executed within three days from the date on which confirmation of the sale is communicated to him.

8. The successful bidders are required to execute agreements on proper stamp paper binding themselves to the following conditions :—

(1) Not to cut stems under one year old.
(2) To bark all shoots whether large or small.
(3) The barked wood to be the property of the lessee.
(4) To keep accounts showing the quantity of the bark removed in accordance with the lease and to permit inspection of such accounts by the Deputy Commissioner, District Forest Officer, or by any officer deputed by either of them.
(5) To obtain passes for consignments of bark in such manner as may be laid down by the District Forest Officer.
(6) To remove out of the limits of the taluks leased out to him all bark cut, collected or stored, before the end of June 1897.
(7) To hold himself responsible for damage done by fire to a State forest or a plantation which may be due to negligence on the part of the contractor or his employer.
(8) In the event of any breach of the above conditions the lease is liable to be cancelled and all the unexported bark to be confiscated.

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